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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH
Michigan Occupational Safety & Health Administration
(MIOSHA)

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MIOSHA LATEX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 5, 2007 - 9:30 to Noon

General Office Building—Lansing—Conference Room G

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT

Gregory Bozimowski Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists Co-Chairperson
Margie Vissman Occupational Health Standards Commission Liaison
Michele Goodyear Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

NOT PRESENT:

Anthony Burton, MD Concentra Health Services Co-Chairperson
Dee Tyler Michigan Health & Hospital Association
Lisha Sly UNITE-HERE Union
Terri Wiggins Marriott Hotels
Thomas Bissonnette Michigan Nurses Association

MIOSHA STAFF PRESENT:

Marsha Parrott-Boyle Standards Section
Dena Hendon Standards Section
Elaine Clapp General Industry Safety & Health Division
John Peck Management & Technical Services Division

VISITORS:

MaryAnn Minard Michigan Nurses Association

Agenda Item #1— Welcome and Introductions – Co-Chairperson Gregory Bozimowski

The December 5, 2007 MIOSHA Latex Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Co-chairperson Gregory Bozimowski. Members, staff and visitors introduced themselves. Dee Tyler was unable to join through teleconferencing while in transit.

Agenda Item #2— Approval of Minutes from the November 14, 2007 Meeting

The minutes from the November 14, 2007 were unanimously approved by the advisory committee members.

Agenda Item #3-Survey Results

Latex Gloves Survey Summary (A) and Latex Gloves Survey In Detail (B) were distributed and reviewed.

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Marsha Parrott-Boyle stated that we will continue to work on getting more information on hotels and doctor and dentist offices. She will continue to work on contacting the Michigan Dental Hygienist Association.

MaryAnn Minard, guest from MNA, was unable to get any formal responses from Home Health Care Nurses, but will continue to try. She will also contact Ken Fletcher, MNA, regarding getting survey responses from nurses and dental hygienist from the Michigan Nurses Association survey.

Gregory Bozimowski will continue to try to contact physician's assistants and the facility at a dental school.

All of the advisory committee members will try to get more responses from the survey's they have sent out. They will send their results to Gregory Bozimowski to be compiled.

Agenda Item #4-Discussion of Rule Revision

Co-Chairperson Gregory Bozimowski gave an overview of the discussion from the last meeting and began the discussion on proposed language regarding latex gloves for Occupational Health Standard Part 554 Bloodborne Infectious Diseases. In addition to protecting workers that are already allergic to latex gloves; the intention of the proposed language is to protect future workers from becoming allergic to latex.

Discussion began with the language from the last meeting that read as follow:

An employer shall ensure that latex gloves are not used unless there are no other acceptable alternatives available.

After further discussion the draft language has been changed to the following:

1. An employer shall ensure that latex gloves are not used unless there are no alternatives available.
 - a. When latex gloves are used the employer shall document the need for the selection.
 - b. When latex gloves are used they shall be powder-free and low-protein content.
- When latex gloves are used there shall be adequate signage posted.

Possible item #2:

2. The employer shall limit the use of latex gloves to those required for sterile procedures.

Agenda Item #4— Next Meeting Date

Next Meeting Date – January 16, 2008—Wednesday—9:30 a.m.

General Office Building—7150 Harris Drive—Lansing-Conference Room G

The 2008 meeting schedule was been emailed to all members prior to this meeting, no schedule conflicts were mentioned.

Agenda Item #5—Public Comment

None

Agenda Item #6—Adjournment

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

****Minutes were reviewed and approved at the January 16, 2008 meeting.****

Latex Gloves Advisory Committee

Draft #1 - December 5, 2007

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